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Mr. Mike Bellott Code SR6J
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Dear Mr. Bellott;

I wrote you a year ago about our concern over the slow progress in the development of the EPA plan for the remediation of the Waukegan Manufactured Gas and Coke Plant site. We need to expand our boat storage capacity and in order to accomplish this we need to expand onto the Coke Plant site. We have an option to acquire this needed property from OMC. This option has a time limit that is getting close to its expiration date. Further delays in the resolution of the site remediation plan may cause us to lose our option. This would be unfortunate for all parties concerned. I was told by Larry Schmidt who was the EPA project manager in January 1996 that there should be a decision on the plan at the end of 1996 with approval 3 or 4 months later after your public hearings. This past June I was told that the Feasibility Study was due out for public review in July 1998 and that the USEPA was pushing for a Record of Decision by September 30, 1998. I am not aware as of this date of the Feasibility Study being presented for public review.

I am very concerned about the amount of time that the resolution of this remediation plan continues to take. When will this plan be available for public review and when will there be a Record of Decision? We are very anxious to move forward with our business plans. I would appreciate your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry Larsen".

Jerry Larsen
President